

STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD
to the
OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Meeting Minutes

Sunday, September 25, 2011, 1:00 PM
Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, Regents Conference Room

Call to Order

Dr. Kermit McMurry, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, called to order a joint meeting of the Student Advisory Board and the Oklahoma Student Government Association Board of Directors at 1:00 PM. Chancellor Glen D. Johnson was introduced, and he gave a presentation on higher education issues coming up in this next year's legislative agenda. On hand to comment from the State Regents' staff were: Ms. Amanda Paliotta, Budget and Fiscal Affairs; Ms. Hollye Hunt, Government Affairs; Mr. Tony Hutchinson, Strategic Planning and Analysis; and Dr. McMurry. Following the joint meeting, members of the Student Advisory Board along with Debbie Terlip, Student Relations Liaison, and Dr. McMurry, met in a small conference room next door to proceed with the rest of their agenda.

Announcement of Quorum

Ms. Terlip confirmed that the meeting had been posted and filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

All members were present: Jaeton Cary, Lynnette Gomez, John Saluke, Thomas Schneider, Steve Sichterman, Molly Tracy, and Sarah Cook.

A quorum was present to proceed.

Guests Present

Immediate Past OSGA President C.J. Cavin

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes for the August 28, 2011 Meeting were approved.

Election of the SAB Chair and Vice Chair

Steven Sichterman and Thomas Schneider were nominated for SAB Chair. Steven Sichterman was elected Chair by a 5-2 vote.

Thomas Schneider and Molly Tracy were nominated for SAB Vice Chair. Thomas Schneider was elected by a 6-1 vote.

Update on the Oklahoma Student Government Association and Council of Student Presidents

Mr. Cavin encouraged members of the Student Advisory Board to attend the OSGA Fall Congress if their schedules permit. Ms. Terlip commented that OSGA legislation passed has the ability of being forwarded to the legislature and colleges and universities. Furthermore, Mr. Cavin expressed the importance of tackling key issues during Fall Congress because Spring Congress is too little to late to effectively lobby the legislature on the issues. Mr. Cavin will be chairing Fall Congress; however, the Board of Directors is looking for a Vice Chair. The Board was encouraged to communicate with their local student government association about this opportunity.

Mr. Cavin also discussed a new 'Legislative Liaison' program within the OSGA Board of Directors. Its goal is to create a localized effort for lobbying members of Oklahoma legislature on higher education issues. He underlined the importance this could have on Higher Education Day at the State Capitol. The Board should direct anyone interested in participating to contact OSGA President Blake Scott, Vice President Matt Sitton, or Mr. Cavin.

Planning for the Student Advisory Board Involvement in the Student Leadership Retreat

Ms. Terlip discussed the rough agenda of the Retreat with board members. Chairman Sichterman was informed that he would have five minutes to speak about the Student Advisory Board at the Thursday dinner. Furthermore, he and the remaining board members will assist Dr. Puccio with his Creativity presentation. Members were encouraged to come early to assist Ms. Terlip and Ms. Marcia Clifton with registration.

Discussion of Campus Visits

Mr. Schneider gave a brief presentation over his visit with Langston University Student Body President Anthony Crawford and other members of the LU Student Government Association.

Chairman Sichterman opened the floor for discussion on campus visits at which point Ms. Terlip reminded board members that travel for campus visits could be reimbursed. The chairman encouraged all members to make contact with a campus by the next meeting. Members will be contacting the following campuses:

- Molly Tracey – Western Oklahoma State College and Cameron
- John Saluke – SWOSU-Sayre and Northwestern Oklahoma State University
- Sarah Cook – Oklahoma City Community College
- Jaeton Cary – University of Central Oklahoma
- Lynnette Gomez – Oklahoma Baptist University
- Chairman Steve Sichterman – East Central University

- Vice Chairman Thomas Schneider – University of Tulsa, Northern Oklahoma College, and Northeastern State University

Determination of Agenda for Next Meeting

Board members expressed interest in having Dr. Debra Stuart at the next meeting. The next SAB meeting will be on Sunday, October 30, 2011, at the Nigh University Center on the University of Central Oklahoma campus. There being no new business, the Board adjourned at 3:30 PM.